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City Hit Hard by Prop H Failure

City staff is bracing to implement deeper budget cuts with the impending defeat of Proposition H. The San Diego County Registrar of Voters has 28 days from November 2 to reconcile and certify all ballots.

While the City waits for the official results, the budget reduction preparations have begun. The City's forecasted budget projected a \$12.5 million dollar shortfall for the next fiscal year. However with the failure of Prop H, the City would face a deficit of \$18.5 million.

"There is no question the defeat of Prop H would put a further strain on City services," said City Manager, Jim Sandoval. "I will respect whatever choice Chula Vistans made on the ballot measure. However, I am focused on preparing for our next steps which would be to implement the fiscal reduction plan so the City can weather this financial crisis and start the next fiscal year with a balanced budget."

Sandoval presented his budget reduction plan at the City Council meeting on October 5. The budget cuts include the potential shuttering of multiple recreational facilities including Norman Park Senior Center and City pools, closure of a public library and elimination of youth library services, the elimination of the park ranger program and graffiti abatement crews, elimination of tree trimming services, reduction of street maintenance services, and trimming public counter hours in Public Works, Finance and Planning departments.

The executive staff has begun meeting with the goal of determining how to minimize the impacts on the public. The budget reductions would begin on January 7, 2011. The reduced hours of operation at affected facilities and programs will be announced as soon as election results are officially known.

The Prop H ballot measure posed to modernize Telecommunications Users' Tax (TUT) ordinance language and definition. The City has been collecting this tax via telecommunication companies for over 40 years. The proposition would allow the City to continue to collect the revenue. The tax generated approximately \$6 million dollars annually and is needed to maintain City services.





Did You Know...

Your Input is Needed!

Chula Vista is now part of a national movement to directly engage volunteers. As the proud recipient of the Cities of Service grant, we are conducting a survey to understand the opportunities and challenges that our citizens face in the area of service and volunteering. Your feedback

is critical in helping to shape our City's needs. Please complete the survey and forward the link to friends, family, and neighbors. Encourage them to participate so that we can get as much input from our residents as possible. Thank you for caring about YOUR community.

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Happening this month:



Turkey Tennis Camp

The Recreation Department is offering a "Turkey Tennis Camp" for kids during Thanksgiving break, Nov. 25-27 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Marisol Park. Three new tennis balls and a racquet are required to participate. Fee is \$81 for residents, \$100 nonresidents. For information, call (619) 691-5140.

Holiday Lighting Exchange

Residents can exchange up to three incandescent holiday light strands for multi-colored LED holiday light strands at two events: Saturday, Nov. 20, 12-5 p.m. at the Otay Ranch Town Center (near food pavilion), 2015 Birch Road; and Saturday, Dec. 4, 1-5 p.m. (before the Starlight Parade), Memorial Park, Parkway and Third Avenue. Please bring a valid California ID and/or a copy of your current SDG&E bill with you to the event.

All City offices will be closed **November 25-26** for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Police and Fire Departments will maintain their normal operating schedules.

Starlight Parade

Kick off the holiday season on **December 4**! At **5:30 p.m.**, participate in the Mayor's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Memorial Park. Immediately following, spread holiday cheer at the 49th annual Starlight Parade, the only night-time parade in the County. The parade begins at 6 p.m. and travels on Third Avenue from H to E Street. Arrive early and stake out your spot!

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691-5000 Volunteering Online ACF CLICK HERE

City Clerk Main Line

Passport Appointment Online Appointment

409-3893

City Manager/Administration

Communications/ Media Relations

691-5280 **Code Enforcement**

Conservation

Developmental Services Engineering 691-5021 691-5272 691-5101 409-5888 Building Planning Small Business Services Small Business Programs CLICK HERE

Finance Main Line Purchasing Business Lic. Online

Emergency Main Line 691-5055 691-5029 Prevention Division Prevention Online

Human Resources

Main Line Job Hotline Volunteering

Library Civic Center Branch South Branch EastLake Branch Volunteering Online Branch

Mayor & City Council

Nature Center Nature Center Online

Emergency Report Crime/Dispatch Report Crime Online

Public Works

CLEAN Business Program CLEAN Program Online Graffiti Hotline
Graffiti Program Online
Graffiti IN PROGRESS Household Hazard. Waste Park Reservations Reservations Online
Storm Water Hotline
Recycling/Solid Waste
Service Requests

585-5755 397-3980 691-5000

691-5044

409-5900

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CLICK HERE 691-5198

CLICK HERE 911 691-5122

409-5979 CLICK HERE 691-5083

421-7032 691-5082

691-5081 691-5269

Service Requests Online

397-6197 CLICK HERE 397-6000 691-5122 397-6000 CLICK HERE

Recreation Administration Recreation Online CV Woman's Club Heritage Center Loma Verde Center Loma Verde Pool Montevalle Center Norman Park Center Otay Center Parkway Center Parkway Pool Parkway Gym Salt Creek Center

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